

REMARKS

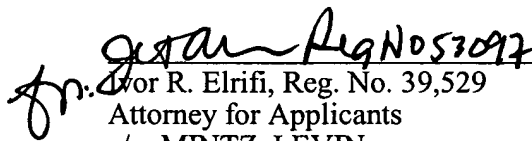
In a Preliminary Amendment filed May 12, 2005, Applicants amended paragraph [0001], the "Reference to Related Applications" paragraph on page 1, to delete certain benefit claims in the specification as filed. However, the text of paragraph [0001] presented in the May 12, 2005 Preliminary Amendment inadvertently omitted the reference to a provisional application to which the instant application claims priority, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/523,935, filed on November 21, 2003. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5), the reference to this provisional application was previously been submitted in a Preliminary Amendment filed June 14, 2004 in the instant application. Applicants have filed this Preliminary Amendment merely to re-insert the reference to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/523,935 in the "Related Applications" paragraph on page 1. Thus, no new benefit claim or new matter has been added by this submission. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith copies of the Preliminary Amendments filed June 14, 2004 and May 12, 2005 in the instant application.

Applicants believe no fees or petition are due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-558A (ARC-558A).

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and remark, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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